YEAR-ROUND & ANNUAL PROGRAMS

Please visit the GUESTS section of the site for photos of recent and past visiting artists for

KidFilmÂ® and the Spring Festival, as well as our other year-round programs.

All programs are open to the public. Members receive additional and free screenings throughout the year.

With help from our Sponsors, we are able to offer all of our annual programs asÂ FREE ADMISSION for the community. We believe that a great city should have access to high-quality arts and cultural programs for all communities with no financial barriers.

We have over 50 years of program archives; We display only a few samples of programs on our site.

The Festival also has working partnerships with hundreds of local and area organizations (cultural, social service, health, film/video, etc.) to present our year-round programs. Contact us for additional information at any time.

The USAFF annual Spring Festival and KidFilm Family Festival programs celebrate equality, diversity, relationships and respect for others, literacy, cultural equity and access to the arts through a number of FREE programs every year.

We're a 50-Day Film Festival!

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SPRING FESTIVAL (56 YEARS RUNNING)

Annual curated showcase featuring an eclectic line-up of the best new American films and foreign works (shorts and features), Tributes to Master Artists, presentations by filmmakers (in attendance for all films), and the Annual International Short Film & Video Competition. Filmmakers receive travel and lodging to present their films. Filmmaker guests include master artists, mid-career artists and emerging talents.Â

Next program installment -

57th Annual USA Film Festival, AprilÂ 21-25, 2027

Recent programs can be viewed below. To request a schedule of events for an upcoming program, send an email request marked "spring fest schedule" to: usafilmfest@aol.com

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Studio films that have premiered or previewed at KidFilm include THE LEGO MOVIE, THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY, ICE AGE, NANNY MCPHEE, CURIOUS GEORGE, A WRINKLE IN TIME, THE SECRET OF KELLS, AKEELAH AND THE BEE, CASTLE IN THE SKY, MILLIONS, KUNG FU PANDA 3, THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS,Â THE DAY THE EARTH BLEW UP: A LOONEY TUNES MOVIE and many more!

KIDFILMÂ®Â FAMILY FESTIVAL (42 YEARS RUNNING)

Click here to see Lisa Loeb talking about KidFilm 2016 on "Good Morning Texas."

Annual free-admission weekend public program featuring films (features and shorts) for audiences of all ages. Includes Tributes to filmmakers, leaders in media arts for children, and children's book authors with FREE books for all families!

The Festival's weekday KidFilm School Outreach Programs serve over 5,000 DISD teachers and students.

Next Program Installment --

43rd Annual KidFilmÂ® Family Festival, January 16-17, 2027

Teachers who would like to book a FREE arts-in-education in-theater or virtual field trip during February-June 2026 or Summer 2026Â for your camp, organization, class or entire school (Grades K-5), contact the Festival any time of year at 214-821-6300.

Printed KidFilm flyers will be available for pick in January up at the Angelika Film Center Dallas.

To view a PDF of past year's KidFilm PUBLIC Program schedule, click below:

(Important NOTE for Teachers & Funders: There is a completely different program line-up for the KidFilm SCHOOL Programs; Please contact us to receive more info about our Arts-in-Education School Field Trips program.)

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HOLIDAY FILM SERIES 2025

Presented with the Angelika Film Center Dallas

Dec. 3 - LOVE ACTUALLY

Dec. 10 - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Dec. 17 - ELFÂ

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MUSICAL MONDAYS FILM SERIES 2026

Presented with the Angelika Film Center Dallas

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For list of films, dates and showtimes, please visit angelikafilmcenter.com/dallas

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CLASSICS IN BLACK & WHITE SERIES 2026

January-December

Presented with the Angelika Film Center DallasÂ Â

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For a list of films, dates and showtimes, please visit angelikafilmcenter.com/dallas

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FIRST MONDAY CLASSICS FILM SERIESÂ

(For current series titles, visit angelikafilmcenter.com/dallas)

Presented by the Angelika Film Center Dallas and

USA Film Festival

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For showtimes and ticket information please visitÂ www.angelikafilmcenter.com/dallas

STUDIO GHIBLI SUMMER SERIES
June - August 2026

Presented by the Angelika Film Center Dallas and USA Film Festival

The Boy and the Heron

The Wind Rises

Whisper of the Heart

Marnie Was There

Castle in the Sky

From Up on Poppy Hill

My Neighbor Totoro

Nausicaa of The Valley of The Wind

Howl's Moving Castle

Ponyo

Spirited Away

Princess MononokeÂ

For more info visit

www.angelikafilmcenter.com/dallas

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TRIBUTES TO MASTER ARTISTS

Periodically throughout the year, the Festival honors artists who have
made outstanding individual contributions to the film arts including actors,Ã,Â directors, writers, cinematographers, editors, composers and more.

Recent Honorees include Billy Dee Williams, Martin Sheen,Â Sally Field and Ed Asner.

For a listing of selected Tributes, please see the TRIBUTES tab section of the site.

"MEET THE FILMMAKERS" SCREENINGS

Throughout the year, the Festival hosts screenings of new narrative, animated and documentary

films, with filmmakers in attendance to speak with our audiences. Sample screenings have included: THE HELP with director Tate Taylor and actress Octavia Spencer in attendance; 50/50 with actress Anna Kendrik in attendance; DRIVE with writer/director Nicolas Winding Refn in attendance; THE WALK with writer/director Emilio Estevez and actor Martin Sheen in attendance; PEOPLE LIKE US with writer/director Alex Kurtzman and actor Chris Pine in attendance; HITCHCOCK with writer Stephen Rebello in attendance; 42 with actor Chadwick Boseman in attendance; ONE DIRECTION: THIS IS US with director Morgan Spurlock in attendance; IN A WORLD... with writer/director/actor Lake Bell in attendance; LA BARE with director Joe Manganiello in attendance, KINGDOM OF SHADOWS with director Bernardo Ruiz in attendance; MISTRESS AMERICA with Greta Gerwig in attendance; INSIDE OUT with writer/director Pete Docter and producer Jonas Rivera in attendance; THE BIG SHORT with John Magaro in attendance, MAGGIE'S PLAN with Rebecca Miller in attendance; EQUITY with director Meera Menon and actor/producer Alysia Reiner in attendance; FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS with Simon Helberg in attendance; STRONGER with subject Jeff Bauman and actor Jake Gyllenhaal in attendance; WOMAN WALKS AHEAD with actor Michael Greyeyes in attendance; BLAZE with Ethan Hawke and Ben Dickey in attendance; and THE OATH with Ike Barinholtz in attendance. For a selected list of other screenings, please see the "MEMBERSHIP" section of the site.

RESTORED PRINTS / CLASSIC FILMS

Featured presentations include historical and contemporary classics, cult favorites, animated classics, creature features and restored prints and reissues presented on the BIG SCREEN, frequently with filmmaker guests in attendance. Recent year's screenings have included Journey to the Center of the Earth (with Arlene Dahl, Pat Boone and Diane Baker in attendance), Creature From the Black Lagoon (60th anniversary with Julie Adams in attendance), The Princess Bride (25th anniversary with Rob Reiner in attendance), Rosemary's Baby (40th anniversary with William Fraker in attendance), The Stepford Wives (with Paula Prentiss and Owen Roizman in attendance), Bonnie and Clyde (with Arthur Penn and Dede Allen in attendance), In Cold Blood (with Quincy Jones and Scott Wilson in attendance), In the Heat of the Night(with Quincy Jones and Norman Jewison in attendance), The Magnificent Seven (with Elmer Bernstein in attendance), To Kill a Mockingbird and The Sting (with Henry Bumstead in attendance), They Live (with Meg Foster in attendance), Susan Slade (presented by John Waters with Connie Stevens in attendance), Imitation of Life (50th anniversary with Juanita Moore in attendance), Metropolitan (25th Anniversary with Whit Stillman in attendance); The Best of Everything with Diane Baker in attendance; The Last Wave with Richard Chamberlain in attendance;Ã‚Â The Naked Kiss with Constance Towers in attendance; Carrie with Piper Laurie and Betty Buckley in attendance; Holiday Screening of Elf with Ed Asner in attendance;Â Orson Welles' Othello, Made in U.S.A., Il Sorpasso, Children of Paradise (Les enfants du paradis), Safety Last!, Badlands, The Last of Sheila,Â and many more.

HITCHCOCK-TOBER Film Series

October 7-31, 2026

at the Angelika Film Center Dallas

Ticket info at www.angelikafilmcenter.com

STRANGERS ON A TRAIN 10/7

REAR WINDOW 10/14

SUSPICIAN 10/21

VERTIGO 10/28

PSYCHO 10/31

SHORT FILMS

For over four decades the USA Film Festival has celebrated and supported filmmakers working in the short format. From first-time filmmakers, to mid-career and master artists, we screen short film works throughout the year during our KidFilm Festival, TexFest program, Spring Festival and our long-running, prestigious Short Film Competition. To date, over $350,000 in cash awards have been distributed and every year over 100 filmmakers receive a free DCP conversion of their work to keep.

Filmmakers who have received recognition early in their careers via the Competition include John Lasseter (Tin Toy), Bob Rogers (Ballet Robotique), Mark Osborne (More), Michael Almereyda (Another Girl, Another Planet), Chel White (Choreography for Copy Machine), Billy Bob Thornton (Some Folks Call It a Sling Blade), Don Hertzfeldt (Lily and Jim), Alexander Payne (The Passion of Martin), Wes Anderson (Bottle Rocket), Todd Haynes (Superstar), Alan Taylor (That Burning Question), Danny Leiner (Time Expired), Jessica Yu (Breathing Lessons), Arthur Dong (Forbidden City, U.S.A.), Marlon Riggs (Tongues Untied), Bill Plympton (One of Those Days), and many others.Â Linda Gray, Bruce Davison, Kelly Lynch and Stephen Tobolowsky have hosted the shorts program along with dozens of our former Jurors.

DINNER FUNDRAISER

Hopefully, you are!

The title of one of our favorite films from the 1960s inspired our super-fun fundraiser.

USAFF Board member and restaurateur Abraham Salum hosts the periodic private gathering at his eponymous restaurant for 100 lucky guests.

The festive evening can take place at any time of year and includes a fabulous multi-course dinner with wine pairings prepared by a guest chef flown to Dallas especially for the event. Past star chefs and experts have included legendary wine sommelier Charlie Arturaola, food writer Akiko Katayama, Chef Makoto Suzuki, sake expert Tiffany Dawn Soto and Chef Vivian Howard, star of the PBS series "A Chef's Life."

Proceeds from the event benefit the year-round operations of the Festival, a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

To be added to the invitation list, send us an email request at usafilmfest@aol.com and we will send ticket info!

MEMBER SCREENINGS AND PREMIERES

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Every month, the Festival hosts premieres and previews of new films, frequently with filmmakers in attendance. See the "MEMBERSHIP" and "HOME" sections of the site for a list of films and filmmaker guests.

For recent events and screenings, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/usafilmfestival

TEXFEST and TEXAS FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE

Showcase featuring films and filmmakers with connections to the Lone Star State.

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AUTHORS AND BOOK EVENTS AT THE FESTIVAL

Throughout the year, the Festival brings authors with their books to Dallas for screenings, discussion and book-signings (100-500 books per session).

A short list of our author guests includes:

Foster Hirsch, Hollywood and The Movies of The Fifties

Billy Dee Williams, What Have We Here? Portraits of A Life

Sally Field, In Pieces

James Ellroy, Perfidia

Stephen Rebello, Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho

Stephen Tobolowsky, The Dangerous Animals Club

Jennifer Grant, Good Stuff: A Reminiscence of My Father, Cary Grant

Piper Laurie, Learning to Live Out Loud

John Grisham, Bleachers

James Earl Jones, Voices and Silences

Henry Bromell, Panic

Howard A. Rodman, Savage Grace

Fay Wray, On the Other Hand

Betty Comden, Off Stage

Budd Boetticher, When in Disgrace

Michael Powell, A Life in Movies

Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston, Too Funny For Words

Stephen Rebello and Edward Margulies, Bad Movies We Love

John Waters, Trash Trilogy and The Obsessions of John Waters

Louis Sacher, Holes

Leonard Maltin, Leonard Maltin's Movie & Video Guide

Richard Condon, The Manchurian Candidate

Jack Palance, The Forest of Love

Roger Ebert, Ebert's Little Movie Glossary

Terry Jones, Nicobobinus and The Fly-By-Night

Bernie Brillstein, The Little Stuff Matters Most

Mia Farrow, What Falls Away

Andre Dubus III, House of Sand and Fog

John Boyne, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Dennis Hopper, Out of the Sixties

James Stewart, Jimmy Stewart and His Poems

Mark Frost, The Greatest Game Ever Played

Sam Staggs, Born to be Hurt: The Untold Story of Imitation of Life

Children's book authors and illustrators at KIDFILM have included:

Deborah Diesen

Sophie Blackall

Sara Varon

Marc Brown

Chris Eliopoulos

Barney Saltzberg

Ame Dyckman

Jacqueline K. Ogburn

Anna Kang & Christopher Weyant

Beth Kelly

Tom Lichtenheld

Katherine Paterson

Kate McMullan & Jim McMullan

Shane Evans & Taye Diggs

Alison McGhee

Kathi Appelt

Ed Emberley & Rebecca Emberley

Mo Willems

Laurie Keller

Rosemary Wells

Dan Yaccarino

Kimberly Willis Holt

Peter Brown

Peter H. Reynolds and Paul Reynolds

Betsy Lewin & Doreen Cronin

Cari Best

Bob Barner

Mike Thaler & Jared Lee

Trevor Romain